

## Notes to the Town

Snow, snow, wind and more snow. Most of us are tired enough of the winter pattern! However we've been made very comfortable on our winter roads by the huge efforts of our highway staff. Plowing trips to date tally 133, the most recorded was 140 in 1989. We may be on our way to setting a record. Our sincere thanks and appreciation for their dedication to our safety. Thank You.

**Important Tax Exemption News.** All tax exemption certificates must be in to Assessor Beth Hiscutt by March 1, 2003. March 1, 2003 is a Saturday, so plan ahead. All exemption forms are available at the office. Be prepared to provide income proof, by way of income tax return. A copy will be made and kept on file as verification of eligibility.

All persons turning 65 in 2003 are eligible for exemptions, the exemption must be filed by March 1, 2003. In the past year we have had several persons asking for the exemption on their birthdays. We can not extend the deadline of March 1, 2003. Please share this information with friends and family members to help understand the exemptions or call the Assessor's office at 768-6910 ext. 221.

Please note Assessor's Office will be open 9:00 to 11:30 AM the week of February 24 through 28<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to see or talk with Beth if you have any questions. 768-6910 ext. 221.

**Water District #6** has been severely affected by the winter weather. The contractor, UTI has delayed the beginning of the project once again due to weather concerns. By contract, roadways must be kept clean of construction materials and fill. During this time of snow and wind, it would have been almost impossible to fulfill that obligation. So, we now have word that the project will begin on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The substantial completion date has not changed, April 30<sup>th</sup> remains in tact. However, the contractor must start at one point, to finish by the end date. Thank you for your patience.

**School Resource Officer** contracts are in place and the position has been filled. The School, Town and Village working towards a common goal of creating a presence in our school of caring and concern of our youth is vital to our future citizens and leaders of LeRoy. The three municipalities worked long and hard to respect each contributing municipality legal intricacies and it has been accomplished through determination and commitment to the people of our community.

**Water Extension #1** has been in the hands of the State Comptroller's Office now since November 26<sup>th</sup>. We are in the final stages as the process is grinding to the last phase. We do know that USDA office in Syracuse is in close contact with Comptroller's office in providing details of grant availability for the construction of this water line. We remain hopeful that any day the positive response from the Comptroller's office is received.

**Records Management Grant** for the basement of the town hall has been submitted again. This will be the third try at funding the building materials necessary for the room. The first grant application was awarded the shelving units and archival boxes needed for the room. We have worked closely with NYS Records Management Regional Office and County Historian to secure this grant. We will be notified in June of the funding possibility.

**Design Criteria and Construction Specifications Updates for Land Development** for our community are needed. The last update was performed in 1967. Most construction materials have changed through technology. Our building and planning codes will be strengthened by this update. We have also been approached to unify our zone and codes with the Village codes. This process is spoken to in both Comprehensive Plans of the two communities. At the joint meeting of Town and Village this topic should receive some comment and direction from both boards. Any action would be in joint movement with both planning boards working towards one code for the entire community.

**Water Construction Design Criteria** , Town of LeRoy has adopted MCWA service installation specifications, private well and public water system supply separation requirement. This action was necessary due to the contractual arrangement for MCWA providing public water to the Town of LeRoy Consolidated District and further extensions.

Town Hall is closed on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day. Next meeting dates are Thursdays, February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at 48 Main Street. Please feel free to join us at those meetings.

In closing, during these heightened times of uncertainty with National Security, your attention to surroundings is necessary. Care for personal safety should be a conscious effort on every persons part. Well wishes and good thoughts for those who are protecting the freedom we enjoy are greatly appreciated.

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